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Prison Term Begins for Minuteman

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 24 (UPI)—Minutemen leader Robert Bolivar DePugh today began serving a one-year sentence in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

Walter Peyson, DePugh's top lieutenant, remained in the Jackson County Jail in Kansas City while Federal officials considered possible action against him. Peyson was held in lieu of $65,000 bond for failure to appear for re-trial on a charge similar to that against DePugh.

Both men became fugitives Feb. 20, 1968, when a Federal grand jury at Seattle indicated them and seven other Minutemen on a charge of conspiracy to rob banks to finance the militant anti-communist organization.